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Amendments to the Specification:

Please move the Related applications: paragraph from page 3 to page 2 before the Field of the Invention.  
Background of Invention. Change the title of the Related applications: paragraph to Cross-

Reference to Related Applications:

Please replace the paragraph under Cross-Reference to Related Applications: on page 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Patent applications entitled, "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MULTI-CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM" serial number 09/695,647 and "APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MULTI-CHANNEL RECEIVER" serial number 09/695,536, both filed on October 24, 2000, having the same inventor and assigned to the same assignee as this application are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Centralized headend and distributed headend communications systems are known and discussed, for example, in U.S. Patent 5,841,468 5,41,468 entitled, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTING DATA MESSAGES THROUGH A CABLE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, issued to Wright, U.S. Patent 6,100,883, entitled, HOME INTERFACE CONTROLLER FOR PROVIDING INTERACTIVE CABLE TELEVISION, issued to Hoarty, and U.S. Patent 5,999,970, entitled, ACCESS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INTERACTIVE ACCESS TO AN INFORMATION SOURCE THROUGH A TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, issued to Krisbergh et al., all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.